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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications and Deputy Director
of Personnel (Deputy Director(Support) Members
of Agency Committee on Manpower)

SUBJECT : Agency Manpower Study - Audit Staff

REFERENCES : Memo fr AC/AS dtd 25 Nov '55 to above addressees
Memo fr AC/AS dtd 2 Dec '55 to above addressees

1. Supplementing the above references submitted by the Acting Chief, Audit Staff, the undersigned having returned to duty from the field this A.M. desires to submit the following comment.

2. R [REDACTED] was drafted by the undersigned and approved by the Director in order to place the audit program of confidential funds of the Agency on the same basis as other departments of the Government—i.e. to have an administrative audit (internal audit) by the Comptroller's office and an independent and final audit by the Audit Staff similar to that performed by the General Accounting Office for other Departments of the Government.

3. To accomplish this purpose the Chief, Audit Staff has been endeavoring to build up his operating personnel to what he considers at least a minimum necessary force of auditors. That minimum force is considered a total authorized strength of [REDACTED] for the Audit Staff. He has found it difficult to recruit auditors to this minimum authorized strength of [REDACTED] in view of the expanding audit program of the Army and the general demand for audit personnel by other Government agencies. In view of this difficulty the audit program has been carried on in a diluted manner and to further reduce the number of people on the job today would render the program of little value and possibly subject the Agency to criticism from the Congress and the Comptroller General to this effect. This would undoubtedly result in action by the Congress to force final audit of Agency accounts by the General Accounting Office.

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